Mikado Taxi
PAcific 1545

The New Canadian

THE VOICE OF THE SECOND GENERATION

YAMA TAXI
PAcific 5454

VOL. IV, No 18 VANCOUVER, B.C. MAY 9, 1941.

SEEK LOCAL ARP SET-UP IN BLACKOUT

Wardens, First Aid Teams Urged For Area

VANCOUVER.—Plans to set up an adequate Air Raid Precautions organization for the Japanese community in Vancouver have been laid before the Canadian Japanese Association by E. W. Martin, chief warden for district 3, and S. Shinobu to supervise the forthcoming blackout on May 22, and to protect the community in case of emergency. The plan will be studied by the Association at the monthly board of directors meeting, May 10.

Under the plan, the chief warden, two deputies and 24 regular wardens would be selected to cover the 12 blocks enclosed by Main, Alexander, Campbell and Cordova streets, thus providing two wardens to each block. A sub-district headquarters, which would also be a first aid station, would be set up at a convenient place.

First Aid Teams.

It is hoped, too, to organize at least two first aid teams, including ten men and ten women to each team, who would be trained in first aid work, and anti-gas work by the St. John's Ambulance Association.

Chief Warden Martin, manager of the Vancouver Ice and Cold Storage, told The New Canadian today that the chief need for A.R.P. wardens is to co-ordinated auxiliary services in the community in times of emergency, such as fire fighters, first aid workers, and police officers.

One of their first duties will be to learn the methods of combatting incendiary bombs, and to instruct householders in the same methods. Danger from fires started by incendiary bombs is believed to be the most serious threat the city faces.

Mr. Martin stressed the need of thorough preparations, if the risk of a disastrous conflagration is to be avoided.

Festival Winner

BOBY ITO

The talented young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ito added further laurels to his name by capturing the under 12 years old boys' solo championship in the B. C. Musical Festival this week.

weekly whirligig

Incendiary Bombs . . . . Not many of us are inclined to take at all seriously the suggestion that our British Columbia coastal cities need fear an air raid. That's one of the things we pooh-pooh, and term in polite society, "hokum". That's just what we had in mind ourselves, until we had explained to us just what an incendiary bomb is, and what it can do.

An incendiary bomb is made principally of magnesium and sodium and burns very furiously. More important, if you pour water on it, it will explode. It weighs only about two pounds, and is slightly larger than an ordinary two-cell flashlight.

That being the case, a light bombing plane or larger fighter can carry up to 2000 such little toys. Allowing for duds, and those which fail to hit any inflammable material, the experts estimate that one plane over Vancouver, travelling at 200 miles per hour and 5000 feet up could start one fire every 60 or 70 yards over a path 100 yards wide for a stretch of three miles.

Comnig closer home, one plane starting at Main Street and following Powell Street as far as Campbell Avenue, might start as many as 12 fires inside the seven-block stretch. Imagine the mess it would make of Lil' Tokyo if we all rushed to pour water on the bombs and had them explode in our faces.

That, chiefly, is why we have an Air Raid Precautions organization in the city some 7000 miles from the battlefields in Europe.

* * *

Of course most of us doubt that there is any danger of an air raid on the city. But it used to be a popular boast, and perhaps a just one, in Lil' Tokyo that in the last war the Japanese navy protected this coast from the attacks fo German raiders.

In this war it's far from impos-

Please Turn to Page [illegible]

Pulp Mill Workers Gain Cost of Living Bonus

VANCOUVER, May 9.—Faced with the flat refusal of the companies to grant the blanket increase in the base wage rate, union delegates from Ocean Falls and Powell River pulp and paper mills accepted a cost of living bonus of $1.25 per week, with provision for percentage increases in the event the cost of living index continues to climb upwards from its present 104.8 level. Proportionate bonuses are awarded for less than a full week's work.

This was the principal change effected in the union agreement after four days of bargaining behind locked doors at the Hotel Vancouver.

The Unions also wrote into the agreement provision for payment for "call time". Under the clause employees subject to call for work after their regular shift will receive a minimum of two hours call time at straight time rates, plus actual time worked.

A classification for mechanics to be paid on a "job rate" schedule was also agreed upon, the schedule increasing by at least 4c for each of five classes. No cuts in existing wages are to be made in order to fit employees into the new schedule.

Seniority principles in promotions and day-offs were reworded, with the union granted additional consultive powers.

Individual wage adjustments were also submitted, some of which were granted an others tabled for further consideration by the companies.

Official delegate from the Japanese section of Local 312 at Ocean Falls was Toshio "Tiny" Kurita, while Johnny Nihei acted as observer.

Registration Units Visiting Coast Towns

VANCOUVER. — A new schedule for the balance of the month which several travelling units of the R.C.M.P. will follow for registration purposes was released this week from Vancouver headquarters. The several units will operate out of Vancouver on the dates as follows:

May 12-14—New Westminster and Queensborough.
May 12-13—Fraser Mills.
May 15—Cards to be issued at North Vancouver.
May 15-24 — Woodfibre and Britannia Beach.
May 15-18—Sechelt and Wilson Creek.
May 20-31—Englewood, Alert Bay, Port Hardy and Port Alice.
May 27-30—Powell River and Stillwater.

From Strathcona Dolls To British Air Raid Victims

"Dear Friend: I was pleased to make this for you. So 'chins up' and 'thumbs up'!" This short missive, penned by a Japanese girl to a little British girl somewhere in shell-torn England, and attached to a sweater, in essence, is the spirit which moved the Strathcona Public School to hold one of the most interesting, the most colorful and largest display of dolls ever held, on May 7 and 8.

Perhaps one of the most striking displays was the one loaned by Mrs. D. A. Hamilton, and displayed beneath the Strathcona School motto, "The school of many nationalities but only one flag"—a miniature tableau of happy unity among races. Here, a dainty Japanese geisha girl with her stringed samisen, rubs shoulders with an Eskimo lad from the north, and an exotic Siamese dancing girl; a venerable Chinese mandarin smiles amicably at a Scotch lassie in kilts.

A patriotic note was struck by a small display, almost hidden in one corner of the room. In the foreground stands the likeness of the King, on his right stands Princess Elizabeth, and in the background, under the shadow of the British flag and the Canadian Ensign, representatives from the navy, army, mounted police and Red Cross stand guard.

This Festival, numbering some 400 dolls, includes those of the students themselves and those of three famous city collectors, and is a colorful example of work being undertaken by the students of the school to raise funds for patriotic purposes.

On The Newsfront

NISEI STUDENT CHOIR TO HIT NBC NETWORK

SEATTLE.—Placing third in preliminary contests, the Japanese Students Club Men's Chorus will compete in the finals of the annual U. of W. Songfest on the night of May 22. The contest will be broadcast over a wide NBC radio hookup.

FISHERMEN SEEK LIMITS TO NO. OF LICENCES

VANCOUVER—The Paficic Coast Fishermen's Union and the United Fishermen's Federal Union, in reports submitted to Dr. D. B. Finn, deputy minister of fisheries, urged the Dominion Government to limit the number of licences issued to new entrants into the industry.

"We suggest", they said, "that in order to increase individual efficiency of fishermen, the department take steps to stop or discourage any increase in the numbers already engaged in our overcrowded industry, where greater numbers do not mean greater production but only greater production costs and greater discontent.

BERRY SEASON REPORTED EARLIER

VANCOUVER.—With berries already beginning to move in quantities from Fraser Valley farms to local markets, it was estimated that the peak of the movement would come weeks ahead of last year's movement.

JAPANESE SCHOOL QUESTION

The pros and cons on the Japanese school question will be debated at the Citizenship meeting of the Powell Young People's Society this Sunday at the Church Hall.

DAUGHTER OF JAPANESE EMPEROR IS BETROTHED

TOKYKO.—The engagement of Princess Shigeko Terunomiya, 15 years old, eldest daughter of Emperor Hirohito, to Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuninomiya was announced

Nursing Honours

Alice Michiyo "Mikkie" Uyede took third place in recent examinations for the title and certificate of registered nurse of British Columbia. Miss Uyede, a student nurse at the University of B.C., will receive her diploma for graduation from the Vancouver General Hospital at graduation exercises tonight at St. Andrew's Wesley Church.

Buddist Comfort Kit Campaign Progresses

VANCOUVER. — Enthusiastic response to an appeal for "whole-hearted support to Canada's war effort" by donating comfort kits to be sent to Canadian troops overseas was reported this week. The appeal, launched by the Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations, is being directed principally at members of various Buddhist churches.

Each kit is valued at $1.15 and is sent to a soldier overseas, together with a card conveying the donor's name, address and a message.

In asking support for its patriotic venture, the executive committee of the Federation urged Buddhists in Canada to discharge the debt they owe to Canada for the peace and security they now enjoy. "We should forget about discrimination and strive to express our gratitude to the brave men who are fighting to restore a new world peace", wrote the committee in its appeal.

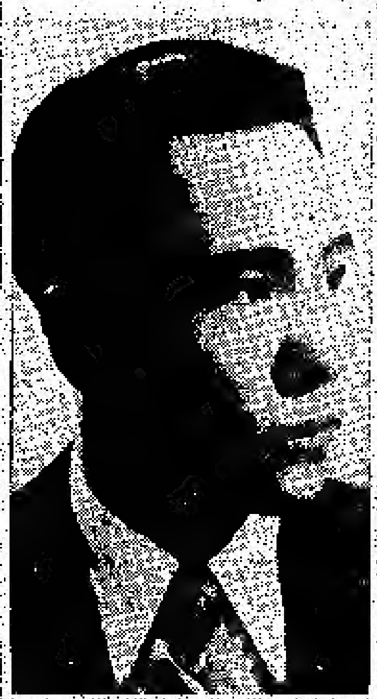
Tatsuo Sanmiya, Bobby Ito Win Triumphs in B. C. Musical Festival

Many Niseis Take Part In Annual Event

VANCOUVER.—Some twenty Nisei participated in the annual British Columbia Musical Festival held all this week at the Auditorium, garnering their fair share of honours for the community in the annual event.

Placing first in the Men's Operatic Solo was Tatsuo Sanmiya, well-known U.B.C. student. In awarding him the championship with 87 marks, Adjudicator Dr. J. Frederic Staton congratulated Mr. Sanmiya for his good flowing voice and well-shaped words. "A very creditable performance", he said.

Continuing his long string of triumphs in musical competition was Bobby Ito, who attained one of the highest marks in the festival. Competing for the Boys solo title under 12 years against 23 contestants, the talented young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ito was termed a "most exceptional singer" by Dr. Arthur Collingwood. He received particular praise for his rendition of an old French marching tune, "Drummer Culry", "A drummer—in absolute life", declare the adjudicator.



TATSUO SANMIYA

The Hammond Japanese Kindergarten Band also won first place in the Kindergarten percussion and rhythm band class.

Mary Nishikawara, talented young pianist, was given third place in the piano solo under 20 years class.

Among other Nisei competing were Kuniko Uchida, Phyllis Takenaka, Shiziko Arai, Kikue Nishidera, Chizu Uchida, Aiko Watanabe, Edward Takahashi, Aiko Jinnouchi, Shirley Kitagawa, Elsie Iwasaki, Miyo Oka, all in piano solos; and Chizu Uchida, Katherine Shimo-takahara, Kuniko Uchida, and Marian Inouye in vocal classes.

Circle Hears Noted Canadian Author

Allen Roy Evans, M.A., of the Canadian Writers' Service, was the honoured guest leading the discussions at the regular meeting of the Nisei Sribblers' Club, held last Saturday evening, May 3. After a few preliminary questions from Scribbler members, the gathering resolved itself into a general discussion of writing technique.

The Nisei Scribblers are naturally interested in the partially completed book "ITS OUR COUNTRY, TOO", on which Mr. Evans is working.

Most of the evening was spent in discussing Nisei problems and points of view.

Commented Mr. Evans to the New Canadian later: "If some of those who depreciate the Nisei could spend an evening with a roomful of these young people, it would be an eye-opener. In fact, I can think of several of our public men who would have difficulty in following our discussion".

Comedy Climaxes Koyukai Concert

Featuring the tenth anniversary concert presented jointly by the Ichibu and Nibu of the Kitsilano Koyukai last Saturday at the Kitsilano Japanese Language School, was the most successful one-act comedy, "Shogi-kyo-jidai", which deals with side-splitting complications arising from the antics of shogi-crazy husbands. The cast of inexperienced players, including Eichi Wakabayashi, Bill and Takeo Yoshida, Ray Sakaguchi, Tommy Shimizu, Hanako Sumi, Chieko and Hideo Nishizaki, Frank Moritsugu, Fumiyo Nishimura, Bob and Roy Kamino, and Yoshiko Mizutani, did full justice to the play.

The programme opened with an address by the president and master of ceremonies, Fred Nishizaki, in which the ten years of growth of the Koyukai was traced. This was followed by an address from Principal K. Tasaka of the school.

The rest of the programme included "odoris" by the Kitsilano Dancing Troupe, harmonica selections, accordian solos, and songs by Hisae Omoto. Hits also were the trumpet and piano offerings of Bob Kamino and Hide Saito, and the hilarious dance team of Roy Kamino and Ray Sakaguchi.

The Kitsilano Koyukai Nibu wishes to announce to its members that a delightful picnic has been planned for the 18th of May at Upper Seymour Valley. A fee of 25c will be asked. Time will be announced later.

Local JCCL To Publicize Movement

Consul To Speak: Study Group Formed

A program designed to acquaint the Nisei at large with what the Japanese Canadian Citizens League stands for and what it does was heatedly discussed at the first meeting of the newly-elected executive of the Vancouver Chapter, Monday evening. Stress was laid on the need both to build up the membership, and to expand the work of the local chapter in order to interest more of the second generation.

The next general meeting will have as the speaker the new Japanese consul, Ichiro Kawasaki. In addition Eiji Yatabe is in charge of arranging a discussion on the question of what Nisei young men and young women expect of each other.

The executive endorsed favorably a request for support from the Japanese Women's Association in any project they may undertake to raise funds for the Queen's Canadian Fund.

Kinzi Tanaka and Harry Kondo were appointed to organize and conduct a continuous publicity campaign, which would acquaint the Nisei generally with the work of the League.

The Vancouver Chapter will also undertake the organization of a Speakers Study Club, which would provide interested Nisei with an opportunity both to learn the facts concerning the Nisei as well as to develop fluency in public speaking. Eiji Yatabe was named temporary chairman.

Kiyoshi Suga and Hajime Suzuki head the concert committee which may be called upon to provide programs for the entertainment of soldiers in Vancouver barracks.

FASHION FLASHES

Blouses . . . Striking navy and white candy stripe sheers—others in different colors, gypsies, pastels. They're being featured at the Modiste.

Dresses . . . The Beige motif is carried on into the summer dresses, with powder blue and other pastels. You'll like their new ideas and the new fabrics.

Coats . . . Beige, navy and black are proving the most popular colors in coats. Styles are marked by simplicity and flowing lines that are definite favorites with the Nisei. Choose yours at Modiste's today.

Remember that at Modiste's you get the foremost in fashion, the widest selection, at the most reasonable prices.

TO JAPAN
TRAVEL BY LUXURIOUS FAST N.Y.K. SHIPS . . .
• M. S. Hikawa Maru May 10
M. S. Hie Maru • May 30
N.Y.K. JAPAN MAIL LINE
B. W. GREER & SONS
General Agents
Bank of Nova Scotia Building
Vancouver, B.C.

ON LAND OR WATER
"You Can Buy No Better"
HOME GAS
Home Oil Distributors Limited
THE INDEPENDENT 100% B. C. CO

WHEN ORDERING YOUR TOILET TISSUE ALWAYS SPECIFY
SOVEREIGN
IT IS SOFT, SANITARY & SOLUBLE
SMITH, DAVIDSON & WRIGHT CO. LTD.

SUN NOM KING
Chop Suey
382 Powell St. PA 5856

Dry Goods, Groceries and Provisions
M. Furuya Co. Ltd.
GENERAL MERCHANTS
"A COMMUNITY STORE FOR SERVICE AND SATISFACTION"
318-324 Powell Vancouver, B. C. MA rine 6435

S. HAYAMI
RADIOS, REFRIGERATORS, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES
323 Powell PA 6932

* CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS!
• Mother's Day • Graduation • Weddings
• Birthdays • Bon Voyage
• Congratulations
• You can do no better to express your feelings than with a card from . . .
UCHIDA STATIONERS
PAcific 2712 347 Powell Street

BANG GOES THE BUDGET!!!
• Movie Tax, Sugar Tax, Gas Tax, Income Tax, National Defence Tax . . . Red-headed Mr. James Lorimer Ilsley is certainly pulling that belt of yours tighter all the time. But why not drop in and relax in the cosy, homey atmosphere of the WHITE CAP —and find yourself loosening it before you know it?
• After a Show . . . after a Dance . . . after a Date . . .
Of course it's the . . .
WHITE CAP SEA FOODS
AT 333 CARRALL STREET
"It's a Rendezvous, not a Restaurant!"

Femme Fare ...

By CINDERELLA

WHISTLER painted a portrait of his mother—a beautiful portrait of a gentle old lady in lace cap and black dress, seated in a rocking chair, her hands folded patiently in front of her, a picture of venerable old age. If I were to paint my mother—in fact, any Japanese mother—it would be a far cry from Whistler's interpretation. There would be about my picture something elemental, something wild, something rugged—not the quietude and twilight peace of Whistler's "Mother".

She would look ridiculous — our Japanese mother—placed in a rocking chair, with hands folded. I don't believe she has time to relax in anything so luxurious as a rocking chair, has anything to wear so dainty as black dresses with lace collars. I don't believe she will ever have an opportunity to relax in the "twilight of her years", a picture of venerable old age, alone with her memories.

She is new as the land which now harbours her, as strong as the rugged mountains on which she casts her eyes each morning, as rough as the soil in which she works, and as gentle as the land from where she came.

You know her well.

LET us paint her portrait . . . . in colours given us by our association with her.

No, our Japanese mother would not sit alone, like Whistler's study, but would be somewhere in the background of a family group—father, handful of stalwart sons, a bevy of chattering girls, with perhaps a youngster still trailing at her skirts. Her outward appearance would be painted in neutral tones — almost sombre in their darkness—more like a grey inobtrusive shadow and not the mainstay of the Japanese Canadian home that she is.

But take a look at her hands. Red, roughened, with broken nails and gnarled joints . . . . and there, you have the history of her life . . . . courageous, full of light and shadow, as thrilling, as heartbreaking, as pathetic as any that might be written by the greatest writers of the day.

In her two hands is the story of indomnitable courage. It was adventure, the lure of gold, the love of wide-open spaces, that called forth the Japanese men-folk. It was not so for the little Japanese wife, young girl-wife or picture bride, as yet unused to the rough and tumble life in a strange community, ever adjusting, ever shifting, as her lord and master shifted, picking up here and there, a variegated picture of Canadian life, working side by side with him that food and shelter and some measure of comfort might come, not for themselves, but for the little Taros and the Seijis and the Michikos that came rapidly to drain the family purse.

And in time, some of the softness, the frail, flower-like loveliness faded, and in its stead, she acquired the characteristics of that vast sisterhood of immigrant wives, ready at repartee, equal to give and take with the best of the men, practical, materialistic, and loudly jovial. But the fundamental teachings, her special code of ethics, at times incongruous in so boisterous an environment, persisted.

And she was capable of anything, and if the lord and master left on some journey from where there was no returning, armed with intense courage, an unconquerable will and a mere smattering of English, she took his place, happy in the dream that little Taro, little Seiji and little Michiko would have the best.

BUT look into her eyes. They say Oriental eyes are inscrutable. Catch her unawares, and there, you will glimpse visions of unspoken, unvoiced tragedies. There you can read the story of a cursed loneliness, the loneliness of isolation, loneliness born of inarticulateness due to strange tongue and still stranger modes. You see there, too, the story of a slowly oncoming heartbreak as Taro and Seiji and Michiko find their way in a new generation. The gulf is widening, and the rebellion, the heartbreak is expressed only in her eyes. And it will not be found there always. Only when a young voice chides her for her ignorance, only when a temple bell tolls in the dusk, only when a chance letter comes from across the sea . . . . one sees it there.

And yet, beneath all this surface hardness, repression and determination, beats the proud mother-heart, generous, compassionate, tender of her loved ones, ever believing that even if her own girlish dreams have somehow gone astry, her sons and daughters possess some happy secret for success . . . . and she shall dream again.

The brave little immigrant mother! Paint her in her entirety, and the sombre canvas is shot with brave gay colours—the blue of loyalty, the red of courage, and the white of unrealized dreams.

And so, little immigrant mother, with your last year's hat, your roughened hands, your contradictory ways —we, the Niseis, salute you!

* * *

The Trial

By SUE SADA

"I hereby sentence you to be hung by the neck till you are dead, Monday, June 6th, at sunrise, and may God have mercy on your soul."

The prisoner stood very still, his hands clenched at his side, despair in every line of his young face. The hush in the court grew deeper. The people were waiting for some sign of protest from that ghastly downcast countenance. Hadn't he fought fiercely from the beginning, claiming innocence when the evidence was so strong against him, when he hadn't an alibi that didn't leak? Hadn't his lawyers done everything that could be done to change the sentence from death to life imprisonment? Hadn't there been that damaging witness who swore that Chet Smith had actually gone into the fatal house just a few minutes before the scream of the victim?

Chet slowly relaxed and looked up at the judge. The judge shifted uncomfortably before the fearless eyes, grey as steel.

"Have you anything to say, Chet Smith?"

"Your Honour . . . ." the words came low but clear, ... "what can I say now? I am innocent".

A sigh passed through the waiting crowd, and a gust of conversation swept it.

Two reporters with flash cameras took several pictures. A woman let out a hysterical sob somewhere, and Chet turned to look her way. She was young and pretty, and now she was rocking herself back and forth in her seat, her hands covering her face. Chet licked his dry lips. Torment was in his eyes. Flo, the only one who believed in him, was crying, and he couldn't go to her.

Then the cops came to lead him away, handcuffing him to their wrists. The Judge made ready to rise, and the Clerk adjourned the court.

Suddenly through the mob, Flo pushed her way until she stood in front of Chet and his guards. She clung to him, the tears disfiguring her powdered cheeks:

"Chet . . . . oh Chet . . . . they can't do this to you . . . . Chet . . . ."

The guards elbowed her away, pulling the prisoner with them, but Flo came back at them with wild eyes.

"He's innocent, I tell you. He didn't do it . . . . I know he didn't . . . . he ain't the type . . . . Chet . . . . Chet . . . ."

Chet, who was trying to control himself grimly, turned to her, not being able to do anything with his manacled hands, but choking out his love for her, tried to embrace her.

"Flo . . . . I love you . . . ."

All the longing and tortured love showed in his haggard face. Inexorable barriers separated them from each other, manacles and the law.

It seemed the crowd that had stopped to watch this bit of drama felt the tragedy of it and the whole scene turned into a tabeau . . . .

* * *

"Cut"!

Tension cleared from the studio stage as the actors drooped. The director, chewing on his cold cigar, fixed a stern glance on the lead . . . .

"Heck! You're too wooden! Can't you act like you was really gonna be hung"?

Then to everyone:

"Try that scene again"!

water 'neaht the bridge

By T. M. K.

I HAVE often wondered on the relative meaning of "compatibility" between a man and a woman, preferably his wife. It is but very recently that this "compatibility" phase crept into marriage. Up till then, it was largely "hit-and-miss", convenience (as about dowries, or social position); or plain passionate do-or-die love.

Then, when divorce became the accepted thing, you heard of "incompatibility".

In simple words, it meant that the couple just couldn't get along. They couldn't agree on the time to play and where; they couldn't agree on interests, dislikes, people or anything. They loved each other madly, once upon a time, but he was now awake to her horrible taste in hats, and she thought that something drastic should be done about his purple shirts. Instead of making allowances for their initial mistake in choice, they get more and more disgusted with each other and finally decide that the marriage license was only a "scrap of paper."

There are some cases where divorce is the only solution, and I disagree heartily with the cleric who shuts his eyes to any and all manifest . . . . cruelly manifest . . . . incompatibility. Very few men or women are sufficiently great within themselves to withstand the daily agony of a mesalliance that has brought nothing but heartbreak, quarrels, leaving their scars on innocent children, twisting the souls of man and wife until they resemble two enemy camps forever divided. These, and one is thankful that they are rare, are the exceptions to the usual type of marriage.

Usually, after a year or so, when the glamour of courtship and romance have worn off, the couple have to make many readjustments. If she doesn't like the way he eats, finicky or wolfish, she can gently wean him from the habit, or just shut her eyes to it and concenerate on his endearing habit of remembering all anniversaries, birthdays and special days. If he thinks that she worries too much over transient styles, then he can overlook it because she can cook up a better mess of food than he ever ate in a cafe in the pre-marriage days.

Compatibility is the reasonable and sensible way of regarding a marriage that does not live on a daily ration of love's nectar and ambrosia. Compatibility is the conscious building up of a life between a man and his wife, a life that is rich in shared experiences, both good and bad.

Life is for us, my dear,
Laughter and each tear,
The daily bread you earn
Garners thanks in turn,
Piling up their credits
Against all petty debits.

Life is for us, my dear,
What have we to fear,
When, as we gently age,
Like stars upon each page
Our children's faces shine
Upon your heart and mine?

JAPAN AND CANADA
TRUST SAVINGS COMPANY
SAVINGS DEPOSITS, REMITTANCES
398 Powell Street PAcific 5620

Sukiyaki
YOSHINO
Telephone: PA 6826
362 Alexander St.

KOMURA BROS. LTD.
GENERAL MERCHANTS
MArine 3655 269 Powell Street

THE NEW CANADIAN

396 Powell Street PAcific 8431

Vancouver, B. C.

A paper published by and for second generation Japanese in Canada and devoted to their welfare as citizens of Canada.

Staff

Kunio T. Shoyama *Yoshimitsu Higashi* *Seiji Onizuka*

Published weekly at the Taiyo Printing Company.

Rates: 25c per month $2.50 per year in advance

A Story Of People

A story of the news highlights in Niseiville unfolds itself through the pages of this journal, week by week. Accomplishments, deeds, progress is that which we record.

So it is with our headlines. Honour is brought to us by successes won at the musical festival. New Nisei businesses are established, and young professional men hang up their shining shingles. Distinction is cast upon the Nisei name by high honours won in professional training. Our community appoints its wardens to make Vancouver's black-out test a success. University graduation marks the commencement of hopeful careers for young men and women. Working class relations are established more securely through united action in wage conference.

And there is another story not told in our headlines. Of a workaday world with its workaday seasons, none the less vital, none the less absorbing for all its lack of headlines.

Warm suns are nourishing the tiny, hard green fruit in the orchards. The fishing fleet prepares itself for the sockeye run. Acres of strawberries yield up their first blush of luscious berries. Labored is the breathing of the donkey engine deep in the woods, with yet no fear of the fire hazard. Monotonous the song of giant saws in dust-filled mills. Such is the Nisei world behind the scenes, hands and strength and brains bent to productive, life-giving toil.

Well may we look to the headlines, and thence behind the headline—and turn away refreshed. Here in accomplishment, and here in the workaday world is their reason and justification for never-failing faith and hope for the future of the second generation.

Blackout And A.R.P.

Vancouver's forthcoming blackout will not affect the Japanese community unduly, and all that will be required from most of us is that we turn out all our lights for fifteen minutes.

But preparation and supervision of the blackout has drawn attention to the glaring fact that as a community we have not yet joined in the Air Raid Precautions organization which serves the rest of the city.

Principally of course our neglect in this matter has arisen from a lack of knowledge of the value and functions of the A.R.P. set-up. It is only recently that any move has been made by authorities to bring the exposed and potentially dangerous area of the Japanese community within the organization. And the confusion within that framework has not been the least factor in inspiring our disinterestedness in the question.

Plans for the blackout however have changed all this, and it is now evident that the Japasese community must be as systematically and efficiently organized as any other district. This means that the wardens must be able to handle Japanese people, which in turn necessitates a knowledge of the language.

There is, in short, no escape from the fact that the responsibility for air raid precautions rests upon our own shoulders, and we must organize to meet that responsibility properly.

• AMERICANA

Two stories of persistence and determination come from our friends across the border. And it is more than interesting because the principals in the stories are a negro and a nisei.

Last week a decision by the United States Supreme Court declared that negroes travelling from one state to another are entitled to the same accommodations furnished whites.

This case took on added significance in that it was instituted by Rep. Arthur W. Mitchell, Democrat, Illinois, the only Negro member of the Congress. No dissent was announced.

In 1937, Rep. Mitchell was travelling from Chicago to Hot Springs, Ask. He said he was "forcibly ejected" from a Pullman car and compelled to complete the journey "in a Jim Crow car, with second class accommodations". He was denied relief by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Supreme Court's decision of last week is a step—though a very small step—toward racial tolerance. It was the result of a 4 years' bitter struggle.

In less serious vein, but displaying the same dogged persistence nearer home is the story of Koichi Hayashi and his "Mikados of Swing", of Seattle.

A year and a half ago, these youngsters —an aggregation of a few sax, trumpets, a drum, and a few strong lusty aspirants for a jam session—met in a dingy Buddhist Church basement. Now on the verge of a California invasion, they can consider themselves chartered members of "we know them when" club, an example of local boys who made good.

The story behind this success was Koichi's determination. At times it was heartbreaking. Talks of disbanding and giving up cropped up, but the Young Maestro met them all with practice-practice, and more practice. Then engagements came. And now, on the eve of their Californian invasion, the little outfit which grew out of a daydream is great, but more than that, Koichi and his pals are accepted by the northwest dancing public.

While we over here are still talking about doing away with existing sources of prejudices, the Americans have actually "done away" with one sore spot.

Capt. Walter T. Tsukamoto, former national J.A.C.L. president, told a crowd at an inaugural ceremony recently that "there is no longer a problem of dual citizenship as to Americans of Japanese ancestry".

Since 1924, only 6 per cent of the Japanese children have been registered by their parents and that 85 per cent of these have been expatriated. The J.A.C.L. has now 11,000 patriotic Americans, proud of the country and appreciative of the opportunities given them.

A local report on the same subject reads, ". . . a panel discussion on the problem of dual nationality was held . . ."

* * *

ACCORD

The meadowlark has a golden song,
The jay has a raucous voice.
But spring has welcomed both of them
And bidden them both rejoice.

—KEITH THOMAS.

This Question of a Job

As I see it, the most acute and basic Nisei problem of 1941 is not social discrimination, dual citizenship, political or even keeping away from the baishakunin; but it is a matter of getting and keeping a job where opportunities are not limited and remuneration is adequate.

Two important factors make the Nisei economic plight very serious. First, the Nisei in common with all you faces an uncertain economic world that has been disrupted from its normal process by the depression and its aftermath. And second, the Nisei are in a position where we are trying to make a group advancement away from the lower economic status of the Issei, that is, we want to be "white collar" workers.

Nisei Replacing Retiring Issels

Many Nisei are temporarily going into domestic and personal service work. Some have replaced their parents in business, others have opened up their own businesses. The community absorbs a few Nisei to replace the retiring Issei.

But for the majority of the Nisei the range of opportunity is definitely limited. The local Japanese community cannot continue to absorb all the Nisei entering the labor market as the saturation point has been reached. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Nisei will have to expand outside of the community for our livelihood.

Jobs Unsatisfactory

From a case study of over 450 Nisei applicants at the Oriental Department of employment and by interviewing over 150 Nisei, it was found that 3 out of 10 Nisei had no special difficulty in finding work. None, however, was satisfied with his job, as he felt that the work would not lead anywhere.

The most common complaint was that although jobs of some sort were available, they did not pay enough or as one youth put it: "The place is filthy with jobs, but they are just plain work and have no future."

The present work status of the Nisei does not look so promising. Aside from those professional Nisei already established, the others will have a difficult time getting work in relation to their professional training. The transition from school to industry is more difficult for the Nisei youth than for the Caucasian city youth.

Much of the discontent of the Nisei in relation to their jobs arises from the low wages they receive for long hours of work; the average wage being $58 per month for an average 80-hour work week. In fact about 40 per cent of th eNisei now work an average of 60 hours a week or more. The average San Francisco Caucasian youth, according to a recent government study, works an average of 43 hours per week for an average salary of $70 per week.

Some Solutoins Proposed

Some of the solutions to the present economic difficulties of the Nisei proposed were: Obtain more specialized training, open new business, expand into new fields in the wider American community, go to the Orient, go back East, develop more initiative and closer co-operation, establish co-operatives for the Nisei, enter civil service, enter agriculture and take what they could get as "we are behind the eight ball".

The picture is brightened considerably by individual Nisei who have made successful adjusments in Caucasian firms, but the cases are scattered as yet. There is perhaps a tendency on the part of the Nisei to magnify their problems and become impatient because results come so slowly. Compared to many European groups the Nisei may well feel proud of the progress they have already made. As long as the Nisei remain optimistic, progress will be made, although isolated cases will have tragic economic non-adjustments.

—Charles Kikuchi, in the San Francisco New World Sun.

Calif. Nisei Appear In "Penny Serenade"

Columbia's "Penny Serenade", the screen attraction now showing at the Capitol, brings together again that exciting, nerve-tingling couple, Cary Grant and Irene Dunne.

But to Japanese communities the length and breadth of the Pacific Coast, the more interesting angle is the fact that four Japanese are included in the cast which supports this inimitable team through an earthquake in Tokyo and then halfway round the world.

They are Ben Kumagai, an active Young Democrat leader in Los Angeles' Lil' Tokyo; Rolin Mariyama, Otto Han and Iris Hann.

The latter duo, incidentally, are members of the interesting clan, which also includes Geo. Yamaoka, successful New York attorney, and Carol Yamaoka, Nisei jeweler in Manhattan.

The story itself is concerned with the trials and tribulations of Grant as an irresponsible newspaperman and his wife, Irene Dunne, when they adopt a child.

Excitingly Re-United!

Irene DUNNE Cary GRANT

in

'PENNY SERENADE'

SEE-

FOUR PROMINENT AMERICAN NISEI ACTORS ON THE SILVER SCREEN

- Ben Kumagai
- Otto Han
- Rolin Mariyama
- Iris Han

and a Tokyo Earthquake

Now Showing

Capitol

Town Topics ...

...[illegible] Nakayama announced ...engagement of Kuniko, eldest ...ghter of Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuji ...to Mr. Cecil Kunio Miyama... ...Dam Falls, on May 1, at a ...y at the Fuji.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaburo Nozaki and ...and Mrs. Chuhei Ikeda were ...tes for the happy event.

The engagement of her eldest ...hter Shigemi to Mr. H. Imaoka ...Nucus Bay, was publicly an...nced recently at a betrothal party ...the home of the bride-elect's ...ster, Mrs. Kumayo Marutani.

* * *

...ding Trail.

At 5 o'clock on Saturday, May ...at the Steveston Buddhist ...mple Yoshiko, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ono, 1224 West ...th Ave., will exchange marriage ...ows with Mr. Takeo Matsubara, ...est son of Mr. and Mrs. Matsu...ra of Steveston.

A reception for the wedding guests will be held at the Fuji.

* * *

To Be Feted.

Old memories and friendships will be revived when Metrokai and Ga...kai friends fete Miss Kayo Oda, who has recently returned from Japan, at a welcome banquet to be held at New Pier on Saturday, May 10, commencing 6:30 p.m.

Those wishing to attend are requested to hand in their reservation to Kimi Hirota, High. 5046-L, or Pat Kawajiri, MAr. 6765, immediately.

* * *

Alumni Dinner.

The graduating class of '41 were welcomed into the alumni fellowship at a delightful banquet held in their honour by the Japanese Alumni Association of the University of British Columbia.

* * *

Nisei Players.

Election of officers and casting of new plays for the next dramatic presentation are slated for the weekly meeting of the Nisei Players at Carleton Clay's Studio, on May 13. Members who have not yet been cast are requested to turn out. The time is 8:15 p.m., sharp!

* * *

A Marriage Was Performed.

The Powell United Church, last Tuesday, May 6, was the setting for the wedding of Frances Kazuko, eldest daughter of Mrs. S. Fukushima, and Mr. Tadaki Ted Sakamoto.

Given in marriage by her brother, the petite bride was a lovely picture in turquoise blue shirtmaker frock with pin-tucked bodice atop a full skirt flaring gently at the hemline. Her matching toque and veil were caught by a single gardenia. She carried a colonial bouquet of lily of the valley, swansobia, snapdragons and roses.

Miss Kay Oda, in blush pink, was her only attendant. Mr. Art Sakamoto, brother of the groom, supported him.

A reception at the church followed the ceremony.

* * *

Gakuyukai Picnic.

Bowen Island, that famous pleasure resort just an hour's trip from the city, will once again be the setting for Gakuyukai's Annual Picnic. The executive promises a bigger, better and more enjoyable time in its club's history for this year's picnickers. The date is May 25th. Keep this date open and watch for further announcements.

Paging Mr. Stork.

At St. Paul's Hospital, on May 5, the stork left a small bundle of femininity to Mr. and Mrs. "Chief" Fukuyama, of Arden Hall. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely, thank you!

Calendar

MAY

10—Gakuyukai Welcome Party, New Pier Cafe, 6:30 p.m.
11—Powell Y.P. Citizenship Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
11—Tennis Club Dinner, New Pier, 7:30 p.m.
11—Mother's Day.
18—Kitsilano Koyukai Nibu Picnic, Upper Seymour, 25c.
22—Red Cross Buffet Supper, Home of Mrs. E. Kitagawa, 2751 E. Pender St., 5-8 p.m. 25c.
23—Fuji Ski Club Hop, White Rose Ballroom, Royal Ambassadors, Dancing from 9 to 1 a.m. Tickets, $1.00 a couple.
25—Gakuyukai Picnic, Bowen Island.
29—JCCL Meeting, Nippon Club, 8:00 p.m.

Kits YMBA Sails On "Mystery Cruise"

Leaving from underneath Burrard Bridge on Saturday, May 10, at 8:30 p.m., the "Shizu", a fifty-foot, diesel engine fish-packer, will leave with members of the Kitsilano Y. M. B. A. bound for an unknown destination, returning to the city late Sunday evening.

Only Y. M. B. A. members are requested to book passage for this mystery cruise. All members booking passage are requested to bring their own food and their own blankets. Get your tickets early. Over 24 hours of thrilling surprises for only 50c!

* * *

School Heads Address Fairview P.T.A.

Advise On Courses Offered For Children

The Parent Teachers' Association of the Fairview United Church Sunday School will sponsor an interesting meeting this coming Saturday, May 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the Fairview United Church.

In the past years this Association has invited public school teachers of nearby schools to meet with the parents to discuss with them questions of mutual interest. As a result of these meetings the parents and teachers have become acquainted with each other.

This year the P.T.A. has invited three principals of our secondary schools to meet with the parents. They are Dr. Sanderson, of King Edward High School, Mr. W. K. Beech, of Fairview High School of Commerce, and Mr. E. M. White, of the Vancouver Technical School.

At the gathering on Saturday night, these three well-known educationists will address the gathering regarding the courses offered in their respective schools, and to what these courses lead up to. They will be ready to answer all questions which may be asked.

The P.T.A. extends a cordial invitation to all those who are interested to attend this meeting.

Special Mother's Day Services at Churches

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day and the Japanese United Church will observe the day with special services both at the Fairview and the Powell Street Churches.

The service at Fairview will commence at 10:00 a.m. when the Sunday School, young people and parents, will all join in the service. Special music will be rendered by the Primary Department, the Kindergarter, the Saturday School, and the C.G.I.T. Rev. K. Shimizu will preach in Japanese and Mr. T. Komiyama in English.

The Junior and Senior Church will hold a combined service in the Powell Street Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Tats Sanmiya will be the soloist. The Junior Church Choir and Quartette will render special musical numbers. Mrs. Higa will tell the story of her mother and Rev. K. Shimizu will preach.

NISEI GOES TO SECOND OFFICERS TRAINING CAMP

VANCOUVER—Lone Nisei member of the U.B.C. contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps whose application for camp training has been accepted, is Tatsuo Sanmiya, second son of Mrs. Sanmiya. A member of the Corps for two years Sanmiya will go to camp from May 15, for the second period of two weeks training offered by the Corps.

Whirligig

(Continued from Page 1)

sible to imagine a daring German raider popping up in the North Pacific with a couple of light bombing planes, loaded with incendiary bombs. They certainly could bring the war uncomfortably close to us.

It might pay each one of us to invest in one shovel, one bucket, some sand, and a lesson in the proper method of putting our an incendiary bomb.

IT PAYS TO SEE WELL

Poor eyesight is a handicap by which many good workmen often unconsciously bar themselves from the reward they have a right to expect. There are thousands of people who have become so accustomed to blurred vision that they think it is a natural state of things. In nine cases out of ten, people never know when they need an eye examination. They can go for a long time actually needing a correction to their vision, yet they tell you they see perfectly. The truth is that their eyes may be living on nervous energy borrowed from other sources in the body. Regardless of what you think about your ability to see—make sure of the condition of your eyes by having an Optometric examination. This is the advice of W. B. Pitman, Optometrist, Pitman's Optical House, 605 West Hastings St., Vancouver.

Classified Ads

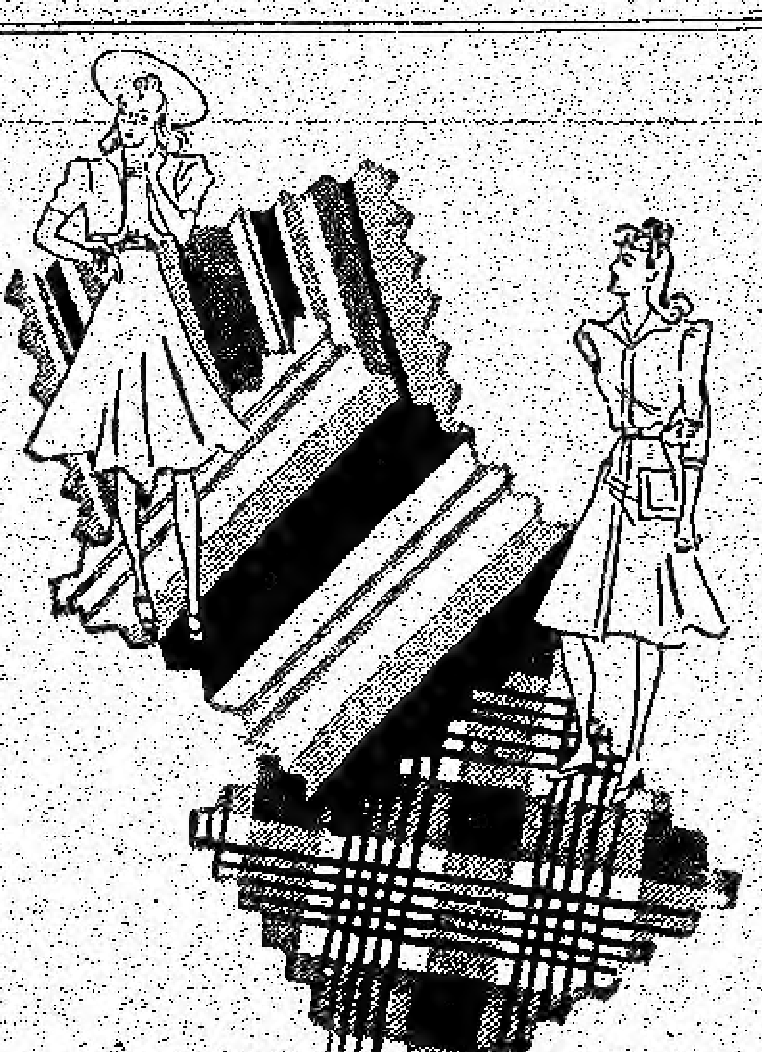
TRANSPORTATION

FAST COURTEOUS SERVICE, Nabata Taxi, Highland 0765.

EXPERIENCED GIRL FOR general housework. Two adults only. 3855 W. 41st.

GO "CREASE-RESISTING" THIS SEASON . . .

. . . in fabrics imported directly from England's famous mill—"Tootal Broadhurst Lee"



● You'll love these fabrics which have the touch of spurning wrinkles. You'll be enchanted by the variety of designs and weaves . . . and you'll be thankful for the non-fading, easily-ironed material if you choose a TOOTAL fabric.

● LYSTAV
for sportswear; for dresses, tailored or feminine. In plain or print, an ideal choice for the cool, crease-resisting fabric. Plain-printed and stripes. All shades . . . 89c yd.

● TOOLINA
Similar to Lystav, with an interesting weave, and perforated holes . . . to keep you cool and fresh and ever smart in the hottest summer days. PLAINS and PRINTS . . . seatone, orange, white, cream, sky and navy . . . 89c yd.

● TOBRALCO
A dimity effect, in tiny dainty designs . . . An ideal wash wear fabric for children's dresses . . . 69c yd.

● TOOTOILE
A smoother, lighter fabric, with a silky-lined finish, but none the less crease-resisting. In a lovely choice of patterns . . . 75c yd.

● LUXORA
Like a linen fabric—has a rougher surface . . . in gay floral prints on creamy background . . . 69c yd.

SEE THEM TO-DAY
Now on display in our window

T. Maikawa Stores Ltd.

POWELL LUMBER & FUEL CO., LTD.
HIGH. 4567
1355 POWELL ST

RADIO REPAIRS
ANY RADIO, ANY MAKE, ANYWHERE

● Satisfaction Guaranteed
● Reasonable Prices
● Tubes Tested Free
Home Radio Engineers
H. INOUYE
605 E. Hastings St. Highland 1660

SHIGE E YOSHIDA
Accident - Sickness - Automobile
Insurance a Specialty
* * *
WRITE OR CALL FOR INFORMATION
P.O. Box 102 Phone 172
CHEMAINUS, B. C.

COOMBS COURIER

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In the "merry month of May" when it's supposed to be all sunshine and flowers . . . we in Coombs are experiencing some very unusual weather, namely, a 2-inch fall of snow, as well as hail.

Parties . . . Mrs. Alex Kazlo was host to many friends on the 29th on occasion of his birthday. The evening was spent in fun and laughter and ended in the wee sma' hours.

Friends of Miss Bertha Kazlo held a surprise send-off party in her honour as she was leaving for her home in Maple Creek, Sask. Later the party left for Lantzville to spend the rest of the evening in dancing.

Baseball . . . The Cameron Lake Baseball team in their double-header baseball games with Hillcrest Giants on May 4 at the Qualicum Recreation Grounds, broke even, losing the first, 8-6, and winning the second, 5-3. Most of the latter game was played in a heavy shower.

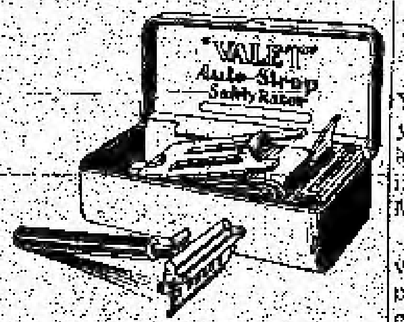
The next games are to be played against Chemainus Nippons and Mayo Athletics on the 11th.

New Arrival . . . Fred Sasaki, U.B.C. student, is here at the Cameron Lake Camp working for the summer.

Knots and Crosses . . . Who was the "Blonde Bombshell" from Camp at the baseball game, who on awakening the next morning wondered why she had lost her voice . . .

We wonder why all the young swains in camp are learning to dance so earnestly—is there something doing in Vancouver on the 24th, dear Editor?

For Shaving Comfort



● Strop, razor, blades in a compact, attractive bakelite case.
IDEAL . . .
● for travel
● for gifts
$1.00
POWELL DRUG CO.
399 Powell Street

Steveston Static

By H. N.

Y. P. S. Picknic

Members of the Steveston Young People's Society this year will go to Boundary Bay and Point Roberts for their annual picnic on Victoria Day, May 24.

Each member is asked to invite a friend, and all young people are welcome to join the group on its excursion. Anyone wishing to go is asked to make a reservation as soon as possible with either Fred Nishi, Shinichi Nakade, Kay Ono or Elaine Nishida, who are on the picnic committee.

Missionary Meeting

On Sunday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m., the Steveston Y.P.S. will hold a missionary meeting to which all young people are cordially invited.

HENRY K. NARUSE
Optometrist
189 East Hastings Street
Hours 9:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Telephone MArine 9815

● FLOWERS FOR EVERY OCCASION
Bouquets, Corsages, Plants
Wreaths, Cut Flowers
Very Low Prices For Niseis
Shigematsu - Florist
310 Powell Street PAcific 4684

Duncan Women Sew For Red Cross

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

DUNCAN, — Rapid progress in sewing for the Red Cross has been reported here by the Japanese Mothers' Association which is undertaking the job of sewing all kinds of Red Cross supplies. Leading in the work are Mrs. Tatabe and Mrs. Koyanagi, who secure the material from the local branch for distribution among the Japanese workers. We are proud too to boast of a male member, Mr. Ken Kitagawa, who has undertaken the sewing of difficult bathrobes.

Ganges Gleamings

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Miss Ruth Hirano was hostess to about twenty-four young people on Saturday evening, May 3, when she celebrated her eighteenth birthday. The hostess received her guests most charmingly and soon the room was filled with much merriment and joy as they participated in amusing games.

Later in the evening, the candles were lit on her birthday cake and a delicious tea was served. Ruth received many beautiful gifts for which she thanked everyone most graciously.

During the evening Mr. "Fuzzy" Murabayashi, a newcomer to the island, was introduced to the crowd. Hope you like our island, Fuzzy—oh yes, did you say "Asparagus Island" was a more suitable name?

* * *

To celebrate the Boys Festival Day in honour of their son Richard, Mr. and Mrs. K. Murakami were hosts to a number of relatives and friends at a delightful luncheon at their home on Sunday, May 4.

Mrs. Helen Araki and son David are guests on her father's farm for an indefinite stay. We're glad to see you back, Helen!

Bloedel Banner

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BLOEDEL.—Motoring from Victoria to spend Easter and last week-end with us was that ever carefree lad, John James.

Rudely awakened from a lengthy stretch of idleness, the donkey engines of the Lamb Lumber Co. were shunted and coaxed aboard a large scow, bound for Sechelt, where they will become a vital nucleus in a new logging show.

The Adachis motored en masse to the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Shinmoto on April 26, where registration was carried out by R.C.M.P. officials, officers, special constables Hanford and J. J. Miles, who later departed for the cove.

The former, being surprisingly adept in the Japanese language, eased the routine for the Isseis, especially through his genial personality.

We wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to Mrs. K. Shinmoto for her help.

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

By RIPPLER

● **Hello folks! This is the "Rippler" speaking . . . and today replacing "Chatter" as the correspondent from these corners of Niseiville . . .**

* * *

Huge Sturgeon Caught . . . A huge sturgeon tipping the scales at exactly 385 pounds was lifted out of the Fraser River last week by Mr. Amadachi of Sunbury, after a strenuous task of getting it aboard his boat with the help of other fishermen.

Every year around this time one of the Japanese fishermen boasts of a huge sturgeon, and this year "Dutch" is the lucky man. Usually selling at 12c per pound, it is understood that this fish is being shipped east for display purposes.

B-Team Formed . . . Rumour has it that a B-team which was to be formed has already taken steps toward playing their first game. The newly-formed hard hitting nine will play the Ladner High School team in an exhibition game this Sunday. Orchids to you boys for your fast work, and we hope to be seeing you giving the present A-team a good workout.

Spring Fishing Poor . . . With the abundant rainfall, the freshet has set in and the muddy waters of the Fraser are rising higher and higher every day.

Because of the rising water and the rotting oolichans, fishing for spring salmon has dropped to almost a standstill.

Some of the fishermen are already utilizing this break in fishing to dry-dock their boats for painting, repairing and overhauling, in preparation for the sockeye run.

Farm Clippings

SUNBURY,—The small crop of currants and strawberries grown in this little district is believed to have suffered severely from late frosts.

STRAWBERRY HILL—Late frosts have left the acres of strawberries practically untouched, but the "weevil" has caused considerable damage. The planting of beans has just been started.

EAST RICHMOND.—So far this community seems to be the luckiest, with the berry crop suffering no harm from frost or destructive pests. Some of the beans planted have already lifted their heads out of the soil, with every promise of fruitful growth.

Picknicking . . . The local J.C.C.L., is it said, is offering a very pleasant day, with many enjoyable events outlined for the afternoon. Some 60 people are expected to join the 5th annual picnic to Stanley Park on Saturday, May 10.

Valley Kindergartens Hold Graduations

The United Church Kindergartens will hold their annual graduation ceremonies throughout the province during this coming week.

The Kindergarten Graduation Programmes are as follows: May 7, Ruskin - Whonnock Kindergarten at the Whonnock Canadian Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.; May 8, International Kindergarten at Queen's Ave. S. S. Room, 7:30 p.m.; May 9, Hammond Kindergarten at Hammond Japanese Community Hall, 7:30 p.m., May 13, Haney Kindergarten at Haney Japanese Community Hall, 7:30 p.m., May 14, Mission City-Ferndale Kindergarten at Mission City Japanese Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Although the graduation ceremony will be held next week, the kindergarten classes will continue until the end of June.

Parents and friends are invited to attend.

S. TSURUTA
AGENT FOR
Singer Sewing Machine Co.
393 Powell St. PA 7043

Canadian Japanese Association
Office Hours: 9:00-5:00
Saturday: 9:00-1:00
329 Gore Ave. PA 6044
Vancouver, B. C.

STANLEY PARK SHIPYARDS Ltd.
Specialists in Shipbuilding
MArine 9925
1969 West Georgia
Vancouver, B. C.

FOR THE BEST CHINESE DELICACIES
FUJI CHOP SUEY
"The Epicures' Rendezvous"
314 Powell Street PAcific 9740

Nisei Players in One Night Stand

It was a queer assortment of passengers that the "Lady Rose" took on last Saturday noon—seven girls, two men and a minister, with enough paraphernalia to cause us to look like evacuees from some channel port.

The day was glorious, one of those pleasantly languid days, with the sun warm, and a slight breeze coming up once in a while. The ten of us took possession of the upper deck.

The weather had various effects upon our members. One red-headed miss curled comfortably on a bench, pensively penned "Dearest, Dearest" [illegible] with the "father" style peeping over her shoulder to watch her [illegible] "Love must be grand!" One sweet young thing, an avowed [illegible] hater, commenced on some knitting, a suspiciously small flimsy [illegible]—a dish towel, she claimed, but the cast had other ideas.

At one side of the boat, the cast of the prize-winning play caused [illegible] concern to a spectator who was reading his paper with one eye and gazing sidelong at the cast with the other, hardly believing his [illegible] as a tall member of the cast emphatically cried, "We're going away together but we're not going to be married". The poor old man soon [illegible] our company, we noticed.

About three o'clock, just as the sun hung in the mid-west, we caught sight of Woodfibre, nestling deep at the foot of purplish-blue hills, with snow-covered mountains in the background. We came, we saw, and we [illegible] we would conquer.

THE "Lady Rose" pulled alongside the wharf. The members of the Fujinkai were at hand to greet us. As we got off, one by one, someone was heard to say, "I thought there were nine girls, but there's only seven." "Counting us like so many heads of cattle," murmured one member of the cast, good naturedly. We felt like second rate actresses in a tenth-rate company.

Gathering up our belongings, we were hustled along, with a trail of curious children behind us. And never did we see such stairs! We'd heard that Woodfibre was a "City of Gold" for those who were willing to work, we'd heard about Woodfibre being "a woman's Valhalla", but we'd never heard about the stairs. Stairs! Stairs! Stairs! We certainly had our share of "ups and downs".

Too soon "curtain time" rolled around. The stairs were bad enough, but the marvellous food served up in the "mess room" was too much for us! We felt no more like emoting than pigs. One girl, scheduled to go on first, between dabs of cold cream, kept wailing, "Oh girls, I wish I didn't have two dinners"! And no wonder! She had had *chop suey* for dessert.

Before a packed house of some 450 people, we went on. Never did we strive so hard to "punch" our lines, for the audience, though kindly, was a critical one. Believe us, there was no sound so sweet to our ears than the sound of applause drifting back stage from "out front". We hoped we had conquered.

The show was over. Now we were free! And so, after a pleasant social time with our hostesses and their friends, we were taken on a midnight tour of the pulp and paper plant. As we saw how the "chips" were cooked, treated and bleached, and pressed into pulp paper—a long process which involved the labour of so many people, I think we all felt that we could never waste paper again. And it came to us, too, perhaps in a way that we have never realized before, that *the most dangerous and the dirtiest jobs were done by Nisei boys and men*. Why? We know all too well. This was the saddest fact that we came up with in our entire tour.

One-thirty in the morning saw us tramping up the long stairs for the last time, after a whole two-hour tour of the mill. There was a wonderful moon in the sky, and one romantic creature said to another, "I've heard so much about the moonlight and the star and the boys! We saw the moonlight and the stars, but it must be a myth about the boys"! The others were too tired to say anything.

THEN BLACKOUT—and whispers in the dark—and then a short, [illegible] sleep.

TOO soon the dawn came up over the hills. Too soon, the "Lady Rose" pulled alongside the wharf. And so, ten weary people fell aboard, bound for city lights and sleep.

If a full stomach, a full house, and a pocket full of memories are indicative of a successful tour, we had our day.

"Au revoir", Woodfibre!

Opens Cycle And Sporting Goods Shop

A well-known Nisei athlete and kingpin in local table tennis, George "Bing" Tanaka, this week joins the ranks of Nisei business men with his fully-equipped b i c y c l e and sporting goods generally. He's optimistic over his chances of building a successful Nisei business.

Coombs, Hillcrest Split V. Island Double-Header

COOMBS. — The Cameron Lake Logging Co.'s baseball team was host for its first home game of the season to the strong Hillcrest Giants at the Qualicum Recreation Grounds on May 4.

The local nine in its first year of play, pitted themselves against the experience of the last year pennant winners and broke even in a keenly fought double-header.

The morning encounter featured a pitcher's duel between Y. Kaga, of the local nine, and D. Inouye, of Hillcrest, with the visitors taking the decision. A 7th inning rally led by R. Inamoto of Hillcrest, broke up the 3-all tie to lead 6-3. The irony of this rally was that the batter was called out by the base-umpire at a play at first base, which in turn was overruled by the umpire who ordered the batter to hit again. The batter reached first as M. Terakita of the local team fumbled a ground ball at third. This started the rally. The home team, however, tied the score in the 8th.

The final inning wrote finis for the localites, as Hillcrest pushed across 2 runs on 3 errors and 2 hits.

The afternoon encounter ended in a win for the local nine 5-3. In the 3rd inning the "big guns" of Coombs let go, causing errors in the Hillcrest camp. Buz Ogaki took over mound duties from J. Inamoto after the bases were filled and one batter out. This rally tied the score at 2 all, and another rally in the 5th netted 3 runs.

Highlites of the game were the long running catches made by Fred Sasaki in centre garden, the 3 base hits of the Kawaguchi brothers, and the superb twirling by D. Inouye of Hillcrest, who fanned fifteen batters.

FIRST GAME

Coombs—6 runs, 9 hits, 10 errors.
Hillcrest—8 runs, 5 hits, 6 errors.
Batteries—Coombs: Y. Kaga and M. Kawaguchi; Hillcrest: D. Inouye and J. Inouye.

SECOND GAME

Coombs—5 runs, 8 hits, 4 errors.
Hillcrest—3 runs, 5 hits, 6 errors.

REPLACING DIVOTS . . .

. . . Jimmie Suzuki

Three more Sundays of practice and then the biggest golf event of the year—the Northwest Tournament, this year to be held at the Langara Golf Course. Three more Sundays to get that slice out of the tee shots—groove the irons to hit the greens—Practice approaching dead to the pin and canning the five and six footers!

Playing on our home course the localites will have a definite advantage and should sweep the field or come very close to it. Each one of us cherish the idea of a "hot" day on June 1st, with all shots from tee to green clicking with systematic regularity. A golfers' dream, YES, but isn't that what keeps the game alive, and makes you swear and do the darndest things, yet subconsciously hoping for that "dream" round!

Three more Sundays and anything can happen—but with due credit to the present champion "Jackson" Katsukawa, the more we see him play the more we are convinced he is No. 1 hereabouts and should take the northwest crown again without much difficulty. His chief local contender, George Isogai, former northwest champion, has slipped badly this year, so the localite with the best chance of creating an upset is Herb Tanaka, No. 1 Nisei Golfer.

The Maikawa Stores Ball Tournament that was to be held last week was rained out, so it will be played this weekend. As a final tune-up before the Big Event, there will be a 36 holes medal play for the Kawai Cup, probably the week following, which will clearly indicate the chances of the localites in all flights.

Protect YOUR EYES
HAJIME SUZUKI
Complete Scientific Eyesight Service
377 Powell St. PA 3016

PIONEER REPRESENTATIVE for Singer Sewing Machine Company
M. Yanagisawa and Son
NO OBLIGATION FOR FREE SERVICE
1766 Franklin St. High. 5978-R

EXPERT ADVISOR FOR YOUR FAMILY PROTECTION SEE
S. Shinobu, CLU
AGENT
Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.
302 Alexander PA 1556

FOUNTAIN SERVICE
NEW PIER CAFE
TWO BEST PLACES TO EAT HERE AND HOME
220 Main Street PAcific 0716

FOR REAL JAPANESE DISHES
TSUBAME
258 Powell St. PA 2657

DELICIOUS CHINESE DISHES
in our newly-decorated and enlarged premises
SUN PEKIN
Our New Telephone Number PAcific 9610
252 Powell

CAKES!
Fresh and Delicious WEDDING CAKES
Powell Bakery
PAcific 7629
342 Powell Street

Seishindo Co.
249 Powell St. PA 3028

"QUALITY, ECONOMY AND SERVICE"
Union Fish Company
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS
FREE DELIVERY SERVICE
Highland 0335-6 469 Powell Street

Our Asahis Crumble Before Angelus Power, 10-2

Although the Senior Amateur Burrard League is not even a week old, it is evident to even the most casual ball fan that our Asahis are going to have many a headache in the league, in which in past years they have been doing almost as they pleased. Last night's 10-2 drubbing from Coley Hall's Angelus outfit should certainly erase all doubts.

The Nipponese drew first blood by crossing in a run in the 2nd canto and again in the fifth, but their triumphant gleam dulled as Messrs. Coley and Condon's boys started smacking Kaz Suga's slants all over the lot. Coley Hall himself proved he still had "oomph" by banging out a homer that brought in 2 runs ahead of him.

Disastrous Sixth Frame

Rookie George Yoshinaka relieved Kaz Suga in this disastrous 6th, but the Angelus outfit were well away and didn't stop until they had crossed 8 runs over the home plate.

Lefty McIntyre's curves broke too fast for the Nipponese liking and 11 Asahis walked back to their bench with K's recorded on their score sheet.

Mike Maruno, Eddie Nakamura and George Shishido were the only Nippons to reach the first sack on safeties. Mike's incidentally was a two-ply smack over the crowd on Cordova Street.

Double Executions

The Asahis showed a sparkle of their former selves, killing many rallies with smart double executions, but the Angelus hitting power was too much for the Nipponese.

Besides Coley Hall's round-decker, Ambler, Billy Ddshead, Hec McDonald, Vosburgh and McIntyre poled out long two baggers.

The Asahis play again tomorrow night meeting Jack Maveety's North Shore Sthip Builders.

* * *

Angelus Hotel:—Tough, lf (0-3); Ambler, 2b (3-4); Adshead, 3b (2-3); C. Hall, 1b, (1-4); McDonald, c (1-4); Stong, cf (0-1); Vosburgh, ss (2-3); F. Hall, rf (1-3); McIntyre, p (1-4)—11 hits.

Asahis:—Shiraishi, lf (0-1); Uno, 1b (0-4); Suga, p (0-2); Maruno, ss (1-2); Yamamura, 3b (0-3; Mitsui, rf (0-3); Nakamura, cf (1-3); Kutsukake, c (0-2); Shishido, 2b (1-3)—3 hits.

Burrards Set Pace In Bowling Loop

Tanaka Is Hot: Shibuyas, Powell Drug Tied

The Young Japanese Canadian Mixed Five Pin Bowling League closed in the half way mark last night as they completed their fourth week of play.

Powell Drug and Yamato still stubbornly clung to their lead in the 1st Division with 8 wins and 4 losses apiece. The cellar spot took a change of hands last night as Safety Garage, behind the smooth kegling of substitute Steve Ebata, who aggregated 701, took three straight from Mickey Maikawa's Nippon Auto Supplies.

In Division 2, Burrard Bakery seems to be well away with 10 wins and only 2 losses to their credit. The closest rivals are New Pier Cafe with 7 wins and 5 losses. A tie occurred last night as Union Fish and Harry's tied their first game 851.

DIVISION 1—	W	L
Powell Drug	8	4
Yamato Silks	8	4
Shibuya	7	5
Singer's	7	5
Fuji Chop Suey	6	6
M. & N.	5	7
Safety Garage	5	7
Nippon Auto Supplies	2	10
DIVISION 2—		
Burrard Bakery	10	2
New Pier Cafe	7	5
Modiste	6	6
Union Fish	5	6
Continental News	6	6
Harry's	6	6
Empress Cafe	5	7
Powell Bakery	4	8

Another high mark was reached by Yamato's anchor man Tots Tanaka, who bowled consistently for a 779 total. He rolled a 274, 270 and a 235. At present he leads the league as an individual bowler with a 231 average in 12 games.

The ladies' section failed to reach last week's pitch as the highest aggregate made last night was by Powell Drug's May Louie with a 545. At present Miss Rosie Kinoshita holds the highest three-game total with a 569.

Shibuya (817, 768, 911) vs. Powell Drug (818, 1017, 762); Singer's (812, 848, 881) vs. M. & N. (715, 711, 871); Nippon Auto (606, 828, 713) vs. Safety Garage (925, 1000, 825); Fuji (1053, 929, 849) vs. Yamato Silks (1001, 835, 891).

Modiste (881, 1000, 845) vs. Burrard Bakery (852, 798, 855); Harry's (851, 864, 761) vs. Union Fish (851, 1024, 817); New Pier Cafe (715, 880, 887) vs. Empress Cafe (746, 797, 880); Continental News (775, 876, 855) vs. Powell Bakery (876, 916, 823).

HANDICAPS — Powell Bakery (184), Empress Cafe (14), Harry's (16), Modiste (64), Fuji Chop Suey (70), Safety Garage (46), M. & N. (14), Shibuya's (1).

Nimi Shokai

- Scheafer Pen Agents
- Patent Drugs and Sundries
- Latest Japanese Recordings

331 Powell MArine 9952

ARMSTRONG
and COMPANY
UNDERTAKERS

お茶のサービスの出来る
別室の用意があります

Established 1912

304 Dunlevy Ave. HIgh. 0141

DROP IN AT

ICE CREAM **ERNIE'S** HOT DOGS

206 MAIN ST.

★ ***Thrill to the Open Road . . .***

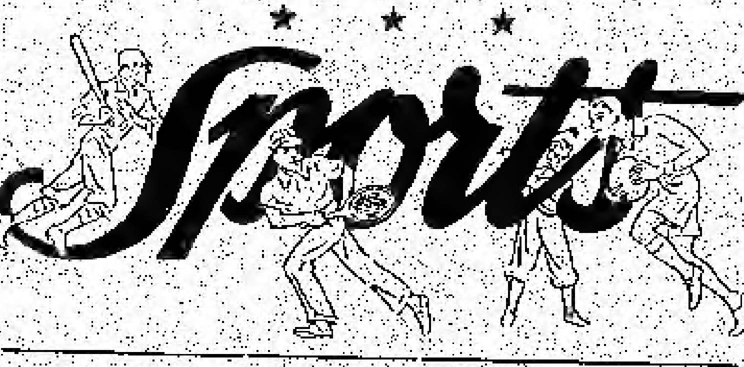
- MOTOR TUNING with the KING TESTER
- BRAKE RE-LINING with JOHNS-MANVILLE

at

Nippon Auto Supply

Complete Automotive Service

Corner of Gore and Alexander PAcific 7637



Sport SPOTLITE

When it rains in Vancouver, you might as well sing a swan song as far as sports in this community is concerned. It came down in buckets, tons of it, spoiling a perfectly good Sunday. That was the sad tale told last Sunday as all major sports in Niseiville went to a complete washout, blackening my whole week wondering how to fill up the usual sports page.

* * *

Too bad, that old "bugaboo" Mr. Weatherman wasn't obliging enough to give the new members of the Dub Club Messrs. Joe Mizuhara and Mas Uchida a half-decent weather. They just had to try out their brand new golf sets. On Saturday both were so het up about the morrow's divoting that a sane person didn't dare go within shouting distance of them without a crash helmet and an air-tight ear-muffler to keep out "golf talk".

A little thing like the rain the next day failed to stop them on the next day, however, as they chugged along on Mas's Model A and after a thorough drenching, the loss of at least half a dozen balls and a very wet initiation for their new clubs, they still agreed it was a helluva grand game . . . The rain no doubt softened their heads . . . and odd flash! Our good friend "Macaroni" Charlie is looking for a second hand set.

* * *

One thing though, the rain stayed away long enough for the Burrard Leaguers to stage their opening night. The dismal outcome of the game was hardly flattering for our pride team; but they've been wised up to what kind of opposition they're up against this year.

Not only was the opposition much stronger, but the Asahis seemed to have lost a lot of their old fire of previous years. Maybe it was only the opening day jitters, but whatever it was they'll certainly have to bear down or they'll be lucky to finish fourth place.

The biggest news of the week Pat Slattery's Slatograms says . . . The biggest news of the week wasn't Bob Feller hurled a three-hitter, Whirlaway won the derby, or Caps won a ball game, but those base-thieving Asahis had only managed to neak one sack in their 1941 debut.

It was good to see Frank Shiraishi back in Asahi uniform. Now with a little persuasion maybe Nag Nishihara will come back. The only reason for his holdout seems to be that he doesn't get along with some of his teammates. Why not bury the hatchet and come back for the sake of the team, Nag?

Red vs. White Tennis Tourney

Although the Nippon Tennis Club has been buzzing with activity for the past few weeks, the official opening of the 1941 semester takes place this Sunday with the annual Red-White Tournament.

Veterans K. Matsubayashi and J. Kinoshita were again selected to captain the two teams at the executive meeting held last Wednesday night at the Tairiku Hall. The draw is listed below, with the winning team benefiting by the minimum price for the banquet which is to follow at the New Pier Cafe.

The phone has been installed again for the netters' convenience. The number is Highland 4487.

MENS.

RED	WHITE
Matsubayashi vs.	Kinoshita.
Iwasaki vs.	Yamashita.
Ouye vs.	Tanaka.
Hagino vs.	Akiyama.
Hirano vs.	Nomoka.
Y. Matsui vs.	Ide.
Hayashi vs.	Takenaka.
Shiho?? vs.	Negoro.
T. Naka vs.	Fujioka.
Miyanishi vs.	Nose.
Kutsukake vs.	M. Matsui.
M. Naka vs.	S. Yamada.
O. Fujiwara vs.	Isobe.
Morita vs.	T. Fujiwara.
E. Fujiwara vs.	Kagawa.
Watabe vs.	T. Yamashita.
T. Hisanomiya vs.	Harada.
Tanabe vs.	Shimotakahara.
U. Matsui vs.	Kawaguchi.

LADIES.

Tomi Iwasaki vs. Fumi Deshira.
Chiyo Hyodo vs. Tomi Misawa.
Lily Ide vs. Teiko Ide.
Pat Kawajiri vs. Ray Oyama.
Eiko Nobuoka vs. Lily Sato.
Nobu Matsubayashi vs. Mune Arikado.
Sumi Nobuoka vs. Koko Matsubayashi.
Chiyo Yanagisawa vs. Miss Uyeda.

SUMIYOSHI

BAKERY AND FOUNTAIN

"Where Ballplayers Meet"

392 POWELL PA 4725

Tanaka Brothers announce the Opening Saturday of the

TANAKA BROS. SPORT AND CYCLE SHOP

- BICYCLES . . . C.C.M., Raleigh and Fred Deeley models and accessories.
  Guaranteed Repairs
- BASEBALL . . . and Softball — Complete Wilson equipment, gloves, bats, shoes, etc.
- TENNIS . . . Dunlop, Slazenger and Australian Brewer Racquets and supplies.
  Restringing is our Specialty
- Club Prices Available.

SEE "BING" FOR YOUR SPORT NEEDS at

308 Powell Street MArine 6937